# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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New Urea Policy
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a New Urea Policy to increase the domestic production of urea to the optimum level in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the energy capacity to boost urea production without hiking the retail price under the New Urea Policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the annual additional production of urea in terms of metric tonnes likely to increase after the implementation of New Urea Policy?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, SHIPPING AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Department of Fertilizers has notified New Urea Policy-2015 (NUP-2015) on 25th May, 2015 with the objective of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in urea production; and rationalizing subsidy burden on the government. On the basis of pre-set energy norms, the units have been divided into following three groups:-

(i) Group I includes the urea units having pre-set energy norms between 5.0 G Cal/MT to 6.0 G Cal/MT.

(ii) Group II includes the urea units having pre-set energy norms between 6.0 G Cal/MT to 7.0 G Cal/MT.

(iii) Group III includes the urea units having pre-set energy norms more than 7.0 G Cal/MT.

Further, these urea units have been given the target energy consumption to be achieved in the year 2018-19. For group-I, target energy norms for the year 2018-19 is 5.5 G Cal/MT (except TCL-Babrala for which existing pre-set energy consumption norm of NPS-III i.e. 5.417 G Cal/MT will continue). For group-II and group-III, the energy consumption norms for the year 2018-19 is 6.2 G Cal/MT and 6.5 G Cal/MT respectively. Currently there is no proposal to hike the Maximum Retails Price (MRP) of urea.

NUP-2015 has led to additional production of approximately 20 LMT from the existing plants against the year 2014-15 and the total production of urea during the year 2015-16 was approximately 245 LMT i.e. the highest ever urea production in the country.

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